

Attachment 4

Bees Comparative Ordinances - Other Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction					
	City of Portland	City of Hillsboro	City of Bend	City of Ashland	City of Milwaukie OR
Issue					
Permitted in what zones?		Allows for single-family residential only.		Does not restrict which zones.	
Number and/or density of colonies	Four colonies	Three colonies	1 colony/ legal lot up to 5,000 sq. ft. of lot area, 1 add'l colony/ each add'l 5,000 sq. ft. lot area, up to 8 colonies, regardless of lot size		Two colonies
Permit Required?	Yes, specified animal facility permit	Yes, City Animal Permit		No	Yes, Planning Commission approval required.
Notice provisions	Yes, requires applicants to notify and have all neighbors within 150 feet of the hive or proposed facility sign a petition. All neighbors within this area must approve of the request to keep bees.	Yes, Applicants are required to conduct a beekeeping notification process for a 300 foot notification area, which allows people with a medical condition to file an objection. Bee hives/colonies shall not be kept when a person who has a medically certified allergy to the sting of bees resides within three hundred feet of the hives/colonies and has submitted medical documentation to the city and a written request that the hives/colonies be removed.		None	Application must be accompanied by the written consent of all the owners of real property (or a part thereof) within 100 ft. of any point on the boundary of the property on which the bees are proposed to be kept
General Standards	The following standards apply to a variety of different animals permitted under the specified animal facility permit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The facility is in good repair, capable of being maintained in a clean and in a sanitary condition, free of vermin, obnoxious smells and substances; • The facility will not create a nuisance or disturb neighboring residents due to noise, odor, damage or threats to public health; • The facility will reasonably prevent the specified animal from roaming at large. When necessary for the protection of the public health and safety, the Director may require the specified animal be kept or confined in a secure enclosure so that the animal will not constitute a danger to human life or property; • Adequate safeguards are made to prevent unauthorized access to the specified animal by general members of the public; • The health or well being of the animal will not be in any way endangered by the manner of keeping or confinement; • If applicable, the structure must comply with the City's building code and must be consistent with the requirements of any applicable zoning code, condition of approval of a land use decision or other land use regulation; and • The facility will be adequately lighted and ventilated; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Products generated by bees, such as honey, shall not be sold from a residential property 	Colonies shall be maintained in movable-frame hives with adequate space and management techniques to prevent overcrowding. In any instance in which a colony exhibits aggressive behavior, the beekeeper must ensure that the colony is re-queened. Aggressive behavior is any instance in which unusual aggressive characteristics such as stinging or attacking without provocation occurs. Every beekeeper shall maintain an adequate supply of water for the bees located close to each hive.		

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<p>Setback or buffer standards</p>	<p>Facilities for keeping bees, such as beehives or apiaries, shall be at least 15 feet from any public walkway, street or road, or any public building, park or recreation area, or any residential dwelling. Any public walkway, street, or road or any public building, park or recreation area, or any residential dwelling, other than that occupied by the applicant, that is less than 150 feet from the applicant beehives or apiaries shall be protected by a six foot hedgerow, partition, fence or similar enclosure around the beehive or apiary, installed on the applicant's property.</p>	<p>☒ All portions of the bee hives/colonies enclosure shall be located behind the front building plane of the dwelling. All portions of the bee hives/colonies shall either be located either a minimum of ten feet from any property line(s) or fifteen feet from any property line if there is no barrier, such as a fence or hedge, that is at least six feet in height on all relevant property lines;</p>	<p>Colonies shall be located in the side or rear yard , and set back no less than 10 feet from the nearest property line, and shall comply with the following provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The beehives are isolated from public access by a security fence; and ii. The beekeeper establishes and maintains a flyway barrier at least 6 feet in height consisting of a solid wall, solid fencing material, dense vegetation or combination thereof that is parallel to the property line and extends 10 feet beyond the colony in each direction so that all bees are forced to fly at an elevation of at least 6 feet above ground level over the property lines in the vicinity of the colony; or iii. The colony is situated 10 feet or more above the grade of the nearest adjoining property line. 	<p>No person shall keep a bee container of any kind w/in one 150 ft. of another dwelling, street or sidewalk.</p>	
<p>Other Provisions</p>	<p>May require liability insurance. The applicant shall demonstrate, to the Director's satisfaction, sufficient ability to respond to any claims for damages for personal injury or property damage which may be caused by any specified animal kept at the facility.</p>				